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SUBJECT: AMIN PRESSURES GOWON TO BREAK WITH ISRAEL

1. GENERAL AMIN IS CONTINUING TO EXERT PRESSURE ON OTHER AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS WHICH MAINTAIN RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL TO BREAK DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS NOW. ON OCTOBER 18 HE SENT A CABLE TO GENERAL GOWON URGING THAT HE TAKE THIS STEP IMMEDIATELY. HE EXPRESSED PLEASURE AT HEARING THAT GOWON HAD WARNED THAT A FURTHER DETERIORATION IN THE WAR SITUATION WOULD JEOPARDIZE RELATIONS BETWEEN NIGERIA AND ISRAEL. AMIN WARNED GOWON THAT HE SHOULD BE CAREFUL LEST THE "ZIONISTS AND THEIR ALLIES" OVERTHROW HIM AND HIS GOVERNMENT NOW THAT THEY KNOW HIS STAND ON THIS QUESTION.

2. THE SAME DAY AMIN SENT ANOTHER CABLE TO OAU SEC. GEN. EKANGAKI STATING THAT HE HAD JUST RETURNED FROM A TRIP THROUGH THE MIDDLE EAST AND HIS ASSESSMENT OF THE WAR SITUATION WAS THAT "THE LIBERATION FORCES ARE ABOUT TO REACH JERUSALEM AND TEL AVIV." AMIN SUGGESTED THAT ALL OAU MEMBER STATES HAVING EMBASSIES IN THOSE CITIES BE ADVISED TO CLOSE THEIR MISSIONS IMMEDIATELY FOR THE SAFETY OF THEIR NATIONALS.

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3. NIGERIAN HEAD OF CHANCERY FAFOWORA TOLD ME PRIVATELY ON OCT. 13 THAT HIS GOVERNMENT HAS RESENTED AMIN'S REPEATED EFFORTS TO PRESSURE IT INTO BREAKING WITH ISRAEL. HE ADDED THAT GOWON IS IN A DELICATE POSITION BECAUSE OF HIS CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE OAU AND HE MUST THEREFORE TREAD VERY CAREFULLY ON THIS QUESTION.
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